

CARING FOR YOUR BLACK STAINLESS STEEL



Over time and exposure to the elements, a powder coating finish may show signs of wear and weather, such as reduced gloss, chalking, and color loss. A consistent cleaning schedule will help remove dirt, grime, and the other harmful buildup that contributes to the damage. We recommend using warm filtered water and a mild detergent (such as a PH neutral liquid dish washing soap) to remove surface deposits, dust, salt, etc. Clean with a soft cloth, sponge, or soft bristled brush, and be sure to rinse thoroughly with filtered water after cleaning. While a powder coat is durable, it is not bullet-proof. Avoid sharp impacts from heavy objects to prevent chipping of the surface.

DO

- Use isopropyl alcohol or methylated spirits
- Use a pressure washer, with filtered water and under low pressure
- Apply non-abrasive car wax with a UV blocker on powder coated surfaces, such as outdoor furniture, outdoor lighting fixtures, stairways, handrails, guardrails, and fence

DO NOT

- Use paint thinners or solvents such as: Acetone, Mineral Spirits, Lacquer thinners, Turpentine, White Spirits
- Use chlorine or harsh cleaning solutions
- Rub the powder coat excessively, especially the metallic finishes
- Get sunscreen on your powder coating finish, as some brands may affect painted finishes
- Use unfiltered tap water or ground water when cleaning a powder coating finish

HARMFUL ELEMENTS

The effects of atmospheric pollution, airborne salt, dirt, and grime accumulate over time and should be cleaned at regular intervals. A powder coating finish should be cleaned every two to three months. UV exposure will degrade the color and the finish, especially for darker colors. Harmful chemicals should be removed immediately. The damage from solvents and thinners may not be immediately visible since it can take up to twelve months for damage to appear.